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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Submission of First 90-Day Report on Selected Aspects
of Our Policy Toward and Events in Nicaragua

Section 722(j) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985 (P.L. 99-83), and Section 104 of Chapter V of the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1985 (PL 99-88) establish largely-overlapping requirements that the President submit to Congress reports including:

- (1) Discussion of (a) efforts of the United States to help reach a negotiated settlement in Nicaragua implementing the Contadora document of objectives, (b) the readiness of the Nicaraguan democratic resistance and the Nicaraguan Government to negotiate a settlement, (c) development in consultation and coordination with other nations of trade and economic measures to complement those of the United States and to encourage Nicaragua to take the necessary steps to end the conflict, and (d) progress in achieving the further objectives of encouraging Nicaragua to agree to a cease-fire, open a Church-mediated dialogue with the democratic resistance and suspend the state of emergency.
- (2) A detailed accounting of disbursements to provide humanitarian assistance to the Nicaraguan resistance.
- (3) Discussion of alleged human rights violations by the resistance and the Nicaraguan Government, including actions taken by the resistance to remove from its ranks persons committing such abuses and provision of information to the Intelligence Committees of information on who is responsible for committing human rights violations.

The reports are due 90 days after enactment, and every 90 days thereafter. We recommend submitting a single omnibus report. A draft of the first report, due November 6, is enclosed.

In addition to the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, and the Chairmen of the Senate and House Select Committees of Intelligence as required by statute, we recommend that courtesy copies be sent as well to the Chairmen of the two Appropriations, the Senate Foreign Relations and the House Foreign Affairs Committees. A draft letter to be used in forwarding the reporting to the listed persons is enclosed.

Dear :

The attached report is submitted in compliance with the requirements of Section 722(j) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985 (.PL. 99-83), and Section 104 of Chapter V of the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1985 (P.L. 99-88).

The report, with appropriate background, describes: diplomatic and negotiating efforts by the United States and others, including developments in the Contadora process, disbursement of humanitarian assistance to the democratic resistance and discussion of alleged human rights violations by the democratic resistance and the Government of Nicaragua.

During the period covered by the report the Sandinistas have continued their refusal to negotiate with the democratic resistance and have adopted an intransigent position in Contadora negotiations. The October 15 suspension of civil liberties dramatically reflected the Sandinistas' continued repression of human rights.

The events of the ninety days covered by the attached report clearly show the need for continued support for the Nicaraguan democratic resistance. Only they can provide the sharp pressure needed to move the Sandinistas toward serious negotiations and prevent the consolidation of a totalitarian state allied with Cuba and the Soviet bloc on mainland Central America.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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